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TERRY ANDERSON & ARMISTEAD MAUPIN

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Here's what I have as of 5/24/95 regarding Armistead's Colorado appearances. Would you be so kind as to make any corrections or clarifications to this copy and fax them back to me. I'll need to send the finalized version off to KBDI, Channel 12 as soon as possible, so they can include it their press release.

Thursday, 6 July 1995 Armistead delivers speech to	
	The Little People of America Conference
	at the Marriott City Center.
Friday, July 7 1995	Tattered Cover Bookstore, Lodo location
	16th & Avenue & Wynkoop, Denver
5:00-6:30PM	Reception with the author to benefit Equality Colorado
	Tickets for this reception are $25.00 per person at the
	Patron level and $10.00 at the Participant level.
	Call 839-5540 for tickets.
7:30PM	Reading & Autographing. Open to all. Free.
Saturday, July 8	Benefit for Ground Zero, Colorado Springs
July 8 Ground Zero	Colorado Springs Autographing/Reception
	TBA

Note: We'll need to figure out how Armistead and I get from Denver to Colorado Springs on Saturday and then back to Denver again by 12:00 noon on Sunday

Sunday, 9 July, 1995 *The 11th Hour* taping for KBDI TV, Channel 12

Thank you for you help on this.

Sincerely,

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Biographical Information

Armistead Maupin was born in Washington, D.C. in 1944 but spent most of his childhood in Raleigh, North Carolina. He was elected to every major honorary society at the University of North Carolina, graduating in 1966, before flunking his first-year exams in law school. He then applied for Naval Officers Candidate School, and, while waiting to be admitted, worked as a reporter at Raleigh's WRAL–TV, then under the management of Jesse Helms.

After being commissioned an ensign, Maupin served as a communications officer in the Mediterranean and on shore with the River Patrol Force in Vietnam. He subsequently returned to Southeast Asia as a civilian volunteer to build housing for disabled Vietnamese veterans. For this effort, he was invited to the Oval Office of The White House by President Richard Nixon and later presented the Freedom Foundation's Freedom Leadership Award, an honor won two years earlier by singer Anita Bryant.

Maupin worked briefly as a reporter for a newspaper in Charleston, South Carolina before being assigned in 1971 to the San Francisco Bureau of the Associated Press. The climate of freedom and tolerance he found in his adopted city inspired him to come out publicly as homosexual in 1974 in a "Ten Most Eligible Bachelors" feature in *San Francisco* magazine. Two years later, he launched his phenomenally successful *Tales of the City* series in the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

The first fiction to appear in an American daily for decades, *Tales* grew from a local sensation into an international one when compiled and rewritten for book form. Updating a nineteenth century literary tradition, Maupin interwove straight and gay storylines to novel effect, and was the first author anywhere to deal fictionally with the impact of AIDS. *Sure of You* (HarperCollins, 1989), the sixth and final novel in the series, became a *New York Times* bestseller. Maupin's most recent novel, *Maybe the Moon*, chronicling the adventures of a 31-inch actress in Hollywood, became a number one bestseller in Great Britain. To date, his books have been translated into 10 languages, with over a million copies in print.

Maupin has emerged as a well-known spokesperson on issues surrounding gay rights and freedom of expression. In 1992 the author was the subject of an hour-long BBC documentary, *Armistead Maupin is a Man I Dreamt Up*, which was broadcast in America on public television. In 1993 his first novel was adapted for Britain's Channel Four as a six-hour miniseries starring Olympia Dukakis.

When *Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City* was aired in America in 1994, it garnered widespread critical acclaim and the highest ratings ever recorded for a PBS drama series. It was honored with a Peabody Award, an Emmy nomination and Best Miniseries recognition from the National Board of Review, the Royal Television Society and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. Vilified by antigay groups and officially condemned by the legislatures of Georgia and Oklahoma, it ignited a nationwide debate about artistic freedom and homophobia. The watchdog group People for the American Way called the miniseries "the single most prominent political target of the Religious Right in 1994."

Maupin lives in San Francisco with his lover and partner, Terry Anderson.